

Local Plan Committee

Wednesday 27 April 2016 at 7.00pm
in the Council Chamber, The Cube, Corby

Councillors present: Councillors Elliston, Beeby, Dady & Rutt

24. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Pengelly & McEwan.

25. Declarations of Interest

Members were asked to declare any interest they might have in the business to be discussed and/or indicate whether these were prejudicial or non-prejudicial, the nature of the interest and whether they intend to participate in the relevant agenda item. No declarations were made.

26. Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLVED that:

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2016, copies of which had been circulated to Members, be agreed as a correct record.

27. Cottingham & Middleton Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document.

The Principal Planner (Local Plan) presented a report on the Cottingham & Middleton Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan SPD for consideration.

A revised draft had been out for consultation in February 2016 and the purpose of this report was to summarise the responses to consultation and approve the adoption of the SPD subject to completion of statutory procedures.

There had been a total of 23 responses to the consultation on the revised SPD, the main comments being:

- Object to the exclusion of the land to the North West of Rockingham Road which is considered an important feature of the village that supports wildlife and offers valued views.
- Request that land to the south of Jurassic Way and the Dale are included within the conservation area boundary
- Landowners at land South of Bury Close objected to the southern extension of the conservation area boundary.
- Support for the enlargement of the conservation area and the merging of the two conservation areas.

Conservation area appraisals and management plans were important in assisting in the determination of planning applications and appeals, providing background evidence in the preparation of the Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plans.

Corby was under increased development pressure due to growth ambitions, the review would create a tighter control on development and demolition helping to preserve the history and heritage in the Borough.

Councillor Rutt asked why the field on Rockingham Road had been excluded and that there were several water troughs in the villages that had not been included.

Officers agreed to look into these items and explained that, there had been a number of requests to include the field but it had been suggested that the field did not have the historical association which would warrant the inclusion in the conservation area.

Councillor Dady suggested that the field on Rockingham Road perhaps provided a natural boundary to the village and the officers were to be commended with the work produced on such limited resources.

Officers stated that there would be a prescribed period of 3 months for legal challenge and they could not say that this would not happen. HoS Planning and Environmental Services thanked the Committee for the recognition.

RESOLVED that:-

Committee agree

- the representations received to public consultation and endorses officers' comments in response to these in (Appendix 1) as attached to the report;
- the amendments to the Cottingham and Middleton Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan (attached at Appendix 2 to the report) and resolve to adopt this as a SPD; and
- to authorise officers to publish a Statement of Adoption along with a Statement of Consultation setting out details of public participation undertaken.

28. Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 7.15 pm.